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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Alcohol-free night

The 8th Communications Squadron is hosting an alcohol-free night at the Comm Pound tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

The Comm Pound offers free food (while supplies last), games and nonalcoholic drinks. Call 728-5531 or 728-1748 for more information.

#### Busan travel restricted

Effective immediately, all United States Forces Korea personnel are strongly encouraged to avoid traveling to the city of Busan through Sunday due to the possibility of large gatherings and lack of hotels. Additionally, increased security and movement limitations enforced by the Republic of Korea government make this restriction necessary.

#### ACE trash cleanup

The Airmen Committed to Excellence organization is conducting a trash clean up at 11 a.m. Saturday. For those interested, meet at the POW flag pole in front of the base exchange. For more information, call Senior Airman Meghan Evans at 782-4694.

#### Air Force Climate Survey

The Air Force Climate Survey ends Wednesday. The survey is listed at: https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/. People can complete it during the period from their personal or government computer.

#### Yoga class

The Wolf Pack Fitness Center now offers yoga classes throughout the week and works on strength, flexibility and balance. Visit the fitness center front desk for a schedule of classes.

#### American Education week

The base education center celebrates American Education week with an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. There will be representatives from the University of Maryland and Central Texas College on hand to answer any education questions. Door prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

#### SEEK AND DESTROY

Members of the Wolf Pack repel hostile forces from one of the unit compounds with assistance of Republic of Korea forces Nov. 8.

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A Turkey Day message from PACAF

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8th MXS flight rockets jets into the air

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The race to the championship

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#### Wolf Weather

#### her 6-day Forecast

Saturday Hi/Low 63/46 Mostly Cloudy

Tuesday



Sunday Hi/Low 64/46 Sunny

Wednesday

Hi/Low 67/50 Partly Cloudy Monday Hi/Low 66/47

Thursday

Hi/Low 74/58 Mostly Cloudy

# Financing the fight with CRA

**By Maj. Gena Stuchbery** 8th Comptroller Squadron commander

Have you notice fewer towels at the gym?

Has your squadron's "Woo" been sidelined, in need of repair for six

Did you do more simulating versus "hands-on" training during the November PENCERE?

Was that TDY for routine training delayed or even cancelled?

Maybe you had to pull a longer shift because your civilian co-worker was not allowed to work overtime?

No, you're not imagining things. You're experiencing what all other Airmen are going through at bases across the Air Force: the effects of "CRA," or continuing resolution authority.

What is a CRA?

Well, I'm glad you asked! A continuing resolution authority is "legislation enacted by Congress to provide budget authority for federal agencies to continue in operation until the regular appropriations (budgets) are passed.

In essence, it's a temporary measure intended to keep the government running until an approved budget becomes law.

Each year, our fiscal calendar

starts Oct. 1 and runs through Sept.

At midnight on September 30, our funds for the old fiscal year expire, and unless a new budget has been passed by Congress, we have no authority to spend money in the new

In recent years, the House and Senate have ironed out their differences and passed a budget prior to the deadline, but this year is differ-

They're still duking it out. To prevent the government from completely shutting down, the Congress passed a CRA from Oct. 1 to Nov. 18, and will continue enacting subsequent CRAs for specific periods of time until they finalize and sign the president's budget into

What does that mean to Kunsan? The Wolf Pack initially received about two months' worth of funding authority to sustain our operations. That would be fine if we spread out our bills equally throughout the year, but the Air Force doesn't operate that way.

As many of you know, the base requires annual service contracts for areas such as utilities, linen exchange, dining hall support and grounds maintenance.

These contracts must be fully funded up front — at the beginning of the fiscal year (imagine how your bank account would look if you had to pay 12 months' worth of car payments up

Other "must pay" bills include our flying hour program — all the maintenance and fuel costs to keep our jets flying — and our civilian pay.

When you add up all the "gotta dos," there's not much left for routine

As a result, the Wolf Pack must prioritize all requirements and focus on funding "mission critical" operations

This responsibility falls on all of us to be prudent stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

I can assure you that your squadron resource advisors, in concert with your commanders and the Money Wolves at the 8th Comptroller Squadron, are working hard to get the most bang for every buck, sustain our vital mission and maintain our quality of life during this challenging period.

So, don't be surprised when your normally pleasant admin shop demands a spreadsheet with six months' data backing up your request for copy paper and toner.

They're suffering from a case of

#### **ACTION LINE**

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Col. Brian Bishop Commander, 8th Fighter Wing

The Action Line is your direct line to me. Use it if you have concerns or suggestions about the Wolf Pack that can't be resolved through the agency involved or your chain of command. When you call, please leave your name, a phone number and a brief description of your problem or concern. You can also send an e-mail to 8 FW/CC Action Line.

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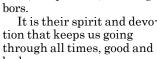
### A day of thanks Remember your blessings

By Gen. Paul V. Hester Pacific Air Forces Commander

This year as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's not forget that it's more than another day of turkey and leftovers that last for days.

Although it is a festive time of year, we should take the time to count the many blessings we have each received over the past

We should first and foremost be thankful for our families - our spouses, children, our parents, and neigh-



They are truly the most precious gifts we have to be thankful for... and we must not forget that.

I am personally thankful for the wonderful opportunity to serve with so many fine men and women that make up our Air Force.

Your dedication to service is an inspiration that greatly impacts our Air Force. The selfless nature you exhibit in meeting our nation's needs is felt by every citizen young and old. Let us also keep those who are deployed in our thoughts and prayers. I am grateful for each and every one of you. May God guide and guard this command and protect our loved ones who are in harm's way. Lynda and I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

# **Safety season here**

By Lt. Gen. Garry R. Trexler 7th Air Force commander

As we prepare for the upcoming Holidays, from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, I want to discuss some of my concerns balancing our rigorous operations with off-duty and wintertime activities.

You have worked hard these past few months and I want to extend my appreciation for all of your effort and professionalism. Over the next several weeks many of you will have time off either on or off the peninsula. I encourage you to enjoy this break to its fullest with your friends and families. As you plan your future holiday events, ensure you are fully prepared for all of your activities. This is the perfect time for everyone to make sure we are taking care of our Wingmen and always striving to eliminate unnecessary risks.

The Holiday Season brings social events, parties, dinners and more. I encourage you to participate and enjoy these opportunities for camaraderie and fellowship. If your holiday celebration plans include alcohol, then drink responsibly.

The harsh winter on the peninsula brings a unique challenge to our driving and pedestrian traffic. For those who will travel to enjoy their holiday activities, take the time to ensure your vehicles are up to the task. Icy road conditions do not just impact vehicles. For our pedestrian majority, do not assume that the vehicles will be able to stop for your right-of-way in a cross walk, and do not forget the reflective and visible garments as you dress for the elements.

Your continued health and well being are critical to our 7th AF mission. Please be safe, professional and responsible in your on- and off-duty activities. Enjoy your well-deserved time off during the holidays and keep a vigilant eye on your Wingman. Remember, we need and care about you.



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'Defend the Base, Accept Follow-on Forces, Take the Fight North'

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

#### A LOOK AT THE 'DIRT BOYS'

(Above) Col. Brian Bishop, 8th Fighter Wing commander, got an up close look at the mission of the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, heavy equipment operators Tuesday when he traveled to taxiway Charlie for a demonstration. There the Wolf learned how the CES shop helps keep the base operational during inclement weather.

(Right) Col. Chambliss, takes the reigns of a Oshkosh high-speed plow Tuesday. Wolf 2 learned about the heavy equipment operator's mission here.



# Got a question about your pay? Can't get to finance? Email them with your questions at: money.matters@kunsan.af.mil

#### Cultural Corner

Due to Korea's success in economic development, the overall health of Koreans has improved significantly over the past three decades. In 1960, the life expectancy at birth was 51 years for males and 54 for females. These figures have increased to 72.1 for males and 79.5 for females in 2000. This change is directly related to improvements in diet as well as in available health and medical services. Health care in the form of medical insurance and medical assistance was first introduced in 1977. However, the coverage rate was only 29.5 percent up

until 1980. As of Dec. 2003, 97.3

percent of the population had access to health insurance, with the remaining 2.7 percent being able to receive direct medical assistance.

The supply of hospitals and medical personnel has continuously increased. The total

number of hospitals and clinics in the nation (including Oriental medicine hospitals and clinics) was 11,188 in 1975, which increased to 45,772 in 2003. Meanwhile, the number of licensed doctors, that

totaled 16,800 in 1975, increased to 81,328 in 2003.

(Information courtesy of the Korean Overseas Information Service.)

# DRIME OF THE DACK

#### Senior Airman Keith Morisette

Unit: 80th Fighter Squadron
Duties: Technician, inspection and maintenance of aircrew protective equipment

Hometown: Monticello, Ark.

Follow-on: Little Rock Air ForceBase, Ark.

Hobbies: Basketball, football and listening to

Favorite music: Hip-hop and reggae Last good movie: "40 Year Old Virgin" Best thing you've done here: "So many adventures not enough time"



"Airman Morisette excelled in his duties at the 80th Fighter Squadron as a life support technician. Tasked with the inspection and maintenance of a vast amount of critical flying equipment including direct responsibility for over 45 life preserver units and the survival equipment on over 24 F-16 ejection seats, he never missed a step. As a primary maintainer of our squadron's 20 night vision goggles, he was directly responsible for the squadron flying over 500 night sorties without incident. On top of his numerous other duties he also excelled as the program manager for the 80th FS's 9mm weapons storage program. Through his meticulous attention to detail and initiative, he secured new storage bins, reduced corrosion and ensured zero discrepancies on the monthly inventory of over \$28,000 in weaponry. Senior Airman Morisette trained over 30 pilots on chemical defense postures and procedures, and his operation of the 80th FS CCA received zero discrepancies during the April 2005 Pacific Air Forces' Operational Readiness

Lt. Col. Stephen Langford
 80th Fighter Squadron commander

# 6 WOLF PACK WARRIOR NOVEMBER 18, 2005 SPORTS/HEALTH



Photo by Staff, Sgt. Josef Cole

#### RUSHING FOR THE PLAYOFFS

8th Logistics Readiness Squadron "Loggies" quarterback Kevin Pennington elects for a run against the 8th Medical Group "Med Dawgs" Tuesday night. The Loggies shut down the Med Dawgs 21-0, advancing them into the next bracket of the playoffs. For more coverage of the 2005 intramural football championship, see next week's Wolf Pack Warrior.

# Loggies take AL title as championship looms

By Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier 8th Fighter Wing public affairs

(Editor's note: Information for this column is compiled by intramural and varsity sports coaches. For more information on submitting information to this column, call the base newspaper staff at 782-4705.)

#### INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

#### Loggies take AL title

The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron took the American League championship title against the 8th Operations Support Squadron "Wizards" Nov. 2, 26-6.

The Loggies were singing a different tune this week after losing a hard-fought game to the Wizards Oct. 26 in overtime, according to coach Aaron Socher.

Socher added that his team used the Wizards to their advantage by exploiting their ability to take an option. After a few tweaks to their defensive posture, Socher said they were able to contain Wizard quarterback Daniel Terhardt.

After holding back any type of Wizard offense, Socher said their explosive offense took the game.

"There wasn't much of a turning point throughout the game," Socher said. "We wanted this game and we played LRS football. This was a team effort."

#### Wizards put Loggies in their place

The tears were flowing Oct. 26 after a last second throw to 8th Operations Support Squadron reciever Edmon "S-P-K" Espique, sealing the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron's fate 27-26.

Two players stood out from the other OSS Wizards.

including Richard "Rip" Price with two touchdowns and big Herbert "Tank" Hayes who held the Loggies defense to go on to make the team's third touchdown catch.

Wizards coach Espique said two interceptions put the game back in his team's favor.

"Josh Martin and Perry 'Roe' Roelofs allowed us to put our offense back on the field and put points back on the board with their interceptions."

The game closed within seconds when it went into overtime. Quarterback Daniel Terhardt rolled out and launched a pass to Espique to secure the extra point.

#### VARSITY SPORTS

#### Wolf Pack blows away Red Cloud in opener

In a sign of good news for the Wolf Pack, the team took on and defeated Camp Red Cloud 99-73 during the men's second day varisty basketball season opener here.

The visiting Red Cloud team owned the court in Game ne Saturday with a five-point lead leading in to halftime

Coach Dexter Mitchell said his team picked up the defensive pressure early on in the second half.

"Our defense held strong, forcing 10 turnovers against Red Cloud. Kunsan took the lead at the 15 minute mark, going on to put 50 points on the board, never relinquishing the lead."

Sunday didn't look much better for the Red Cloud team as they faced a ferocious Wolf Pack offensive drive early on, with Kunsan taking a 26-point lead at halftime, never looking back.

The team is expected to travel to Taegu this weekend. The next home game is scheduled for Dec. 3 against Camp Humprheys. The Dec. 3 game is at 8 p.m. while the Sunday game is scheduled for 11 a.m.

#### STANDINGS

As of Monday

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

### Playoffs

#### THE BIG GAME

The 2005 Intramural Football Championship game is 6 p.m. tonight at the football field. Come out and support your team!

#### AROUND THE LEAGUES

Monday's game results Defenders 7, Wizards 6 Dragons 20, Red Devils 19 Wizards 35, Med Dawgs 6, Services 25, Comm 0

> FALL SOFTBALL As of Nov. 3

#### EXTRAMURAL LEAGUE TEAM

Cobras Stayers 8th MXS Loggies Cops Red Devils

End of regular season.

Game schedules are subject to change without notice.

#### FITNESS CENTER HOURS

#### Aerobics Schedule

Ab Attack Monday - Friday 5 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 6 a.m. Friday 5:45 a.m.

> Boot Camp Thursday 5:30 a.m.

Cadrio Weight Training Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Circuit Training Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Kickboxing Tuesday 5:30 a.m. Friday 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.

Spin Class Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. Monday - Friday 6 p.m. Sunday 4 p.m.

Step Aerobics Monday and Wednesday 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Yoga Class Monday 5:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.

#### Martial Arts Schedule

Tang Soo Do Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday 12 p.m.

Hapkido Monday - Friday 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tae Kwan Do Monday - Friday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Kung Fu Monday - Thursday 8 p.m.

For more information on your favorite physical activity at the fitness center, call 782-4026.

## 7 DAYS

#### TODAY

Karaoke night — The Falcon Community Center's karaoke night runs from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. Club events — The Loring Club's super social

Club events — The Loring Club's super so hour starts at 6 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Turkey Day five kilometer — The fitness center will host a five kilometer Thanksgiving Day run at 9 a.m.

#### SUNDAY

Bingo day — Bingo action starts at 2 p.m. at the Loring Club with the early bird game beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Sunday brunch — The Loring Club serves Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Dollar days** — People can bowl for \$1 per game with 75-cent shoe rental at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center

Chicken Wings — Club members can take advantage of 10-cent chicken wings at the Loring Club.

#### MONDAY

Transition assistance workshop — The Airmen support center holds its next three-day transition assistance program workshop Nov. 21 to 23 in Bldg. 1051, room 1.

The workshop helps prepare military members and their families to transition to civilian life. Topics include transferring skills to civilian jobs, job search strategies, resume writing, interview procedures and veterans' benefits.

Reservations are required. For details, call the center at 782-5644.

#### FREE CLASSIFIEDS

SEEKING GAMER — Advanced Dungeons and Dragons gaming group is looking for mature gamer to join an Age of Worms campaign. For more information, call 782-8259.

AA MEETING — Kunsan's Alcoholics Anonymous chapter meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the coffee house area of the Sonlight Inn. For details, call 782-4300.

WANTED — Looking for top-notch, experienced electric guitarist with own equipment that can play with bassist/ arranger, vocalist and drummer. For more information e-mail usaf1988@ earthlink.net or call 782-8915.

#### CHAPEL SERVICES

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass — 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday

Weekend Mass — 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays

Reconciliation — Weekdays by appointment, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday R.C.I.A. classes — 7 p.m. Wednesday, chapel conference room

#### PROTESTANT SERVICES

General worship — 11 a.m. Sunday Contemporary praise and worship — 6 p.m. Sunday

Gospel service — 1 p.m. Sunday Inspirational praise and worship service — 7:30 p.m. Friday

LATTER-DAY SAINTS SERVICES Weekly service — 3:30 p.m. Sunday SONLIGHT INN HOURS

6 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, 6:30 a.m. to midnight

Pool tourney — The Loring Club's nine-ball pool tournament starts at 7 p.m.

Pizza special — The Loring Club serves 50-cent pizza slices from 6 to 8 p.m.

Yellow Sea Bowling Center — Bowl for 50 cents per game with 50-cent shoe rental from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Margaritaville — The Loring Club offers Margarita night in the E-Lounge.

Football frenzy — The Loring Club's football frenzy begins at 7 p.m.

Circuit training — The fitness center hosts circuit training and step aerobics courses at 5:30 p.m. Contact the center at 782-4026 for more information.

Yellow Sea Bowling Center — Ladies bowl for free starting at 6:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Social time — The Loring Club's super social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Reunion briefing — The Family Support Center's return and reunion briefing starts at 3 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center classroom at the Wolf Pack Fitness Center. This mandatory briefing addresses challenges facing single and married military members preparing to return to their families.

Yellow Sea Bowling Center — Bowl for 75 cents per game.

Karaoke night — The Falcon Community Center's karaoke night runs from 8 p.m. to midnight.

#### THURSDAY

Korean language class — The Airmen support center's basic Korean language class runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bldg. 755, room 215. This class includes reading and writing the Korean alphabet as well as basic travel expressions for shopping, dining and using off-base transportation. To register, call 782-5644 or 782-5627.

Orphanage visit — The Airmen's support center's weekly Korean orphanage outing leaves the military personnel flight parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

The weekly outings give base people a chance to interact with local Korean orphans. To register, call 782-3772.

Foosball tourney — The Falcon Community Center's foosball tournament begins at 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day brunch — The Loring Club hosts a Thanksgivign Day brunch for club members. The brunch will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dollar day — Bowl for \$1 per game at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center.

To submit events for 7-Days, send an e-mail to WolfPack@kunsan.af.mil. Submissions are due by noon Thursday one week prior to publication and must include time, date and location or the event and the contact's daytime phone number. For more information, call 782-4705.

#### AT THE MOVIES

#### "NORTH COUNTRY"

Rating: R for sexual harassment, violence, dialogue and language

Staring: Charlize Theron and Frances Mc-Dormand

Synopsis: This true story is centered on Lori Jenson, who took a job at a Minnesota iron mine in 1975. She and other female miners endured harassment from male co-workers, ranging from verbal taunts to pomographic graffiti and worse. Jenson eventually filed suit in 1984 and won a landmark legal decision. Show times: 7 and 9:30 p.m. today and Saturday

#### "CRY WOLF"

Rating: PG-13 for violence, terror, disturbing images, language, sexuality and drug reference

Staring: Julian Morris and Lindy Booth
Synopsis: The Liar's Club has spread an
online rumor that a serial killer called "The
Wolf" committed a recent murder and is planning to strike again. The group's descriptions
of "The Wolf's" intended victims are based
on the people they know best — each other.
When the described "victims" suddenly start
to disappear, the group is no longer able to
determine where the lies end and the truth
begins.

Show times: 6 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday

The Kunsan Chapel coordinally invites you to come meet ...

# David Roever

Motivational Speaker

When: 4 p.m. Dec. 1 Where: Base theater



#### WOLF PACK WHEELS SCHEDULE

#### INCHEON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Available daily — Leaves Kunsan at 3:30 and 8 a.m. and 1:30 and 6 p.m. and leaves Incheon at 8:30 a.m. and 1, 7:30 and 11 p.m. from Gate 11 at the airport. One-way tickets are \$27.50 or \$25 for Airman morale program members.

#### OSAN AIR BASE SHUTTLE

Monday to Thursday — Leaves Kunsan at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Leaves Osan at noon and 6 p.m.

Friday — Leaves Kunsan at 7:30 a.m. and 1 and 6 p.m. Leaves Osan at noon and 10 p.m. Saturday — Leaves Kunsan at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Leaves Osan at noon and 4 p.m. Sunday — Leaves Kunsan at 7:30 a.m. and noon. Leaves Osan at noon and 5 p.m.

One-way tickets are \$12.50 for general Wolf Pack members or \$11.50 for Airman morale program members. Round trip tickets are \$25 or \$23 for Airman morale program members.

#### E-MART SHUTTLE

Saturday and Sunday — Leaves Kunsan at 10 a.m., noon and 2, 4 and 6 p.m. and leaves the E-Mart at 11 a.m. and 1, 3, 5 and 6:30 p.m. Round trip tickets are \$5.

#### DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE

Fridays and Saturdays — Leaves base at 7 and 8 p.m. and leaves downtown Kunsan City at 11 p.m. and midnight. One-way tickets are \$3, and round-trip fare is \$5.

# Wolf Pack flies through PENCERE

# Exercise showcases readiness



(Above) Senior Airman Paul Garcia, 8th Security Forces Squadron, and (Below) Staff Sgt. James Merrick, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron, stalk outside the communications compound Nov. 8. These two acted as enemy forces during the exercise. Commonly referred to as opposing forces "op for" help bring a sense of realism to base exercises.

By Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier 8th Fighter Wing public affairs

In a continuing effort to fine tune its wartime skills, the Wolf Pack recently completed its final peninsula combat employment exercise, or PENCERE, for 2005.

The five-day exercise prepared the men and women of the 8th Fighter Wing to respond to North Korea if it launched an all-out attack on South Korea.

Col. Brian Bishop, 8th FW commander, said the Wolf Pack responded with a more than 90 percent sortie rate.

"This was a good opportunity to practice how we go to war along with Osan (Air Base), 7th Air Force and the Republic of Korea air force," Col. Bishop said. "There are still little things we can do better, and I am confident we can overcome any obstacles in front of us."

An area of concern raised by wing leadership were individual unit's ability to recall personnel in a timely and efficient matter. Besides this, Col. Bishop commended the members of the Wolf Pack for a job well done.

"Throughout the exercise, all I saw were committed Airmen doing their job to the best of their ability," he said. "Everyone did an exceptional job by knowing how to respond to chemical attacks correctly."

Capt. Edmond Sims, 8th FW plans and programs chief, said the Wolf Pack continues to maintain a high state of readiness.

"During the PENCERE, we strive to hone our

readiness skill and ability to work along side other 7th Air Force and USFK assets to help defend the peninsula," Capt. Sims said. "All of this training ensures we can project our combined awesome air power."

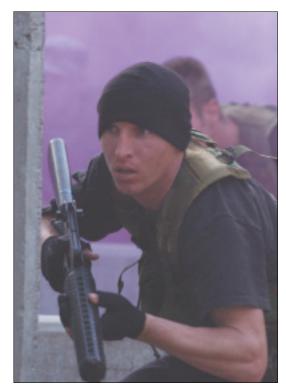
Capt. Sims added that the key to any exercise and any unit is their people.

"Due to the groundwork laid by those who came (to the 8th Fighter Wing) before us, we've always been able to meet or exceed any objectives set forth during a PENCERE," he said.

"We should always look for innovative ways to increase our warfighting and readiness capabilities."

Capt. Sims admitted that in the end, the Wolf Pack's "can do" attitude has always propelled the unit forward in this "high operations po."

"Everyone at the Wolf Pack understands that they are at the 'tip of the spear' for America's defense posture (on the Korean peninsula)," he said. "Failure is never an option at the Wolf Pack."



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